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SUBJECT: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

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1. ON JULY 5, PRESIDENT LAMIZANA ANNOUNCED A SERIES OF MEASURES DESIGNED TO "STRENGTHEN DETENTE" BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA. SPECIFICALLY, LAMIZANA STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO RELEASE 35 MALAIAN NATIONALS ACCUSED OF ESPIONAGE OR PROVOCATIONS, AS WELL AS 15 VEHICLES BELONGING TO PRIVATE MALIAN TRUCKERS WHICH HAD BEEN HELD IN UPPER VOLTA AFTER DECEMBER 1974 INCIDENTS. IN HIS DECLARATION, LAMIZANA ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT, IN LINE WITH FINAL LOME COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 18, GOUV HAD DECIDED TO "FACILITATE FREE CIRCULATION OF PERSONS AND GOODS" AND TO "NORMALIZE POSTAL TRAFFIC."

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2. COMMENT: CONSENSUS AMONG DIPLOMATIC CORPS IS THAT

GOUV STATEMENT IS NOT ONLY UPPER VOLTA'S REPLY TO MALI'S
DECISION JUNE 24 TO RELEASE TWO VOLTAN PRISONERS AND
FIVE VOLTAN TRUCKS, BUT THAT TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT
SUGGESTS A GESTURE TOWARDS SEKOU TOURE PRIOR TO LAMIZANA'S
OFFICIAL VISIT TO GUINEA. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT
LAMIZANA HAD ORIGINALLY REFUSED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF
CHIEFS OF STATE OF MALI AND UPPER VOLTA IN CONAKRY
SPONSORED BY SEKOU TOURE.
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